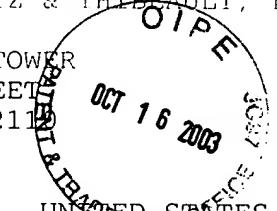


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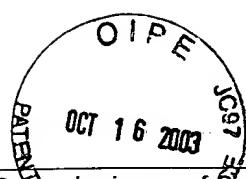
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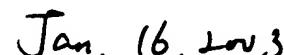
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WHEREAS, Boston Scientific Corporation (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE"), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, and having a usual place of business at One Boston Scientific Place, Natick, MA 01760 desires to acquire an interest therein, in accordance with agreements duly entered into with me;

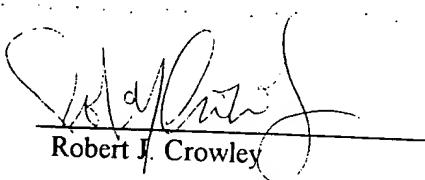
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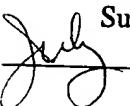
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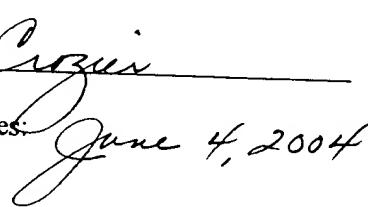
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